(b) whether it is a fect that the Prime Minister had given an assurance that the project would be started after his visit to the site; and

(c) if so, when the Primie Minister visited the Test Range site and the date when the green signal was given by the Prime Minister for this projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Dowry Harassment by an I.A.S. Officer

1287. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the wife of an IAS officer has complained to Government that she is being harassed by her husband for bringing insufficient dowry;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the concerned officer; and

(c) what guidelines have been issued by Government to tackle cases of dowry harassment perpetrated by Central Government employees and those in the Public undertakings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A complaint has been received from the wife of an IAS officer and this is being inquired into.

(c) The Conduct Rules governing the Central Govt. employees prohibit taking or giving dowry. Any employee violating this rule is liable to disciplinary action. Further, probationers of Group 'A' Services are now required to give an undertaking that they will not give or take dowry at the time of their marriage. Instructions have also been issued to the administrative authorities that a Government servant accused of involvement in a case of dowry death, shall be placed under suspension, as soon as he is arrested; and in case he is not arrested, on submission of a Police report to the Magistrate indicating that the offence has been committed by him.

Information is not centrally available whether any guidelines have been issued by the Public Undertakings in respect of their employees.

Cost of the National Test Range at Baliapal

1288. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what would be the total estimated cost of the National Test Range (N.T.R.) to be established at Baliapal in Orissa;

(b) what is the total amount allocated during the current financial year and the amount spent so far;

(c) whether construction work of the Test Range has started; if not, what are the reasons thereof; and

(d) what is the total acreage of land required for the establishment of the project and the compensation amount paid so far ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) About Rs. 1000 crores.

(b) A bulk allocation as Go-Ahead sanction of Rs. 25 crores has been accorded for the project so far, of which about Rs. 14.2 crores has been paid to the Government of Orissa.

(c) No, Sir. The land for the National Range facility has not yet been acquired.

(d) It is estimated that about 35000 acres of land area is required for setting up National Range Facility. No compensation has been paid so far as the land for this project has not yet been acquired.

Development of Advanced Computer Systems

1289. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether India is going to develop advanced computer systems, and that such

a proposal has been under consideration for quite some time; if so, since when;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether these systems would make the US super-computer redundant ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b) Government is setting up a Centre for Development of Advanced Computing Technology (C-DACT) in Pune for developing advanced computers based on parallel processing architecture which will also have automatic programming environment as well as artificial intelligence capability.

(c) The systems which would be developed would not make the US super-computer redundant, but, provide the country with the capability to design, develop and manufacture advanced computers with the same computational power as that of the present day lower and medium range super-computers available in USA.

Change in the post of Joint Director in the Directorate of Standardisation

1290. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that one technical Joint Director's post has been changed to Joint Director (Admn.) and Administrative Wing has been created in Directorate of STD (Standardisation) without permission of the Ministry of Defence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the civilian Joint Director, posted by CAO's office based on actual Government sanction, is denied to work in the Directorate due to the whims of the Directorate of Standardisation: if so, what are the reasons thereof;

(c) what is the number of posts of Joint Directors and at what level these are sanctioned to Army HQrs., Directorate of STD and Standardisation Cells; and

(d) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what remedial action is being taken with regard to the Directorate of Standardisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) to (d) In the Directorate of Standardisation, there are three posts of Joint Directors (in the rank of Colonel or equivalent), inclusive of one post of Joint Director authorised for the Defence Standardisation Cell, which is being presently operated at the Directorate of Standardisation HQrs. For reasons of administrative convenience one of the above Joint Directors also looks after the general administration functions of the Directorate. There has been no change of any post of Joint Director (Technical) to that of Joint Director (Administration) in this Directorate. Further, no separate administrative wing has been created in the Directorate of Standardisation.

There is one post of Senior Civilian Staff Officer (SCSO), in the Directorate of Standardisation, for which posting is done by CAO. This post is only equivalent to Lt. Col. and hence one rank below that of the Joint Directors in that Directorate. The duties assigned to this post cover general administrative functions under the supervision of one of the Joint Directors, as stated in para 1 above.

The previous incumbent had represented for transfer out of the Directorate to a post with lighter duties, on health grounds. He has been transferred on 9-11-87. It is not a fact that the officer was denied work due to the whims of the Dte.

The details of the number of posts of Joint Director and the levels at which these are sanctioned are as follows :—

(i) Army HQrs—31 (in the grade of Rs. 3750—5000).

(ii) Dte of Standardisation—2 (in the grade of Rs. 5500—6000).

(iii) Standardisation Cell—1 (in the grade of Rs. 5500—6000).